Necessary Actions for the Rapid Scale up of MNCH Interventions
As identified by the participants of the
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Improvement of service delivery
- Human resources: setting of policies and guidelines, in-service training, pre-service training, supportive supervision, and on-the-job training.
- Health system supports: upgrading of health facilities, availability of essential drugs and equipment, transport and referral pathways, telecommunication, community mobilization, and health information data collection and use.

Coordination
- Establish a Technical Working Group on Child Health
- Establish a Task Force to coordinate between SRH and Child Health Technical Working Groups

District planning and implementation
- Develop an operational plan for the Roadmap
- Review and strengthen guidelines for planning of MNCH at district level
- Support DHMTs to set MNCH targets and integrate MNCH activities in DIP on an annual basis

Support for policy
- Conduct a systematic evaluation of HSAs performance as a basis to identify critical actions to strengthen their performance and integration into the health system.
- Use the outcomes of the evaluation to reformulate the functions of the HSA, the training curriculum, and the health system supports that should be in place to ensure optimal use of this cadre

Leveraging additional resource
- Map the work of partners in MNCH
- Build partnership towards a common MNCH agenda by involving key partners in the development of the implementation plan, by establishing a reference group and holding a stakeholder meeting.

Support for implementation of the grant
- Strengthen zonal teams with an MNCH responsible officer
- Assign a full-time time person at national level to build partnership and provide oversight to the implementation of the grant
- Plan for technical assistance by national and international experts for selected activities identified in the implementation plan for the grant

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